**Close Up High School - Program for New Americans**

**Sunday**
- **Arrive in Washington**
  - Meet your Close Up concierge
  - Explore the city with your school
- **Welcome Dinner**
- **Program Orientation & Community Building**
  - Meet Close Up staff and review your purpose and goals for the week
- **Opening Workshop**
  - What are the biggest issues we face in our democracy today?
  - **Social Time**

**Monday**
- **Federal Government Structure Workshop**
  - Gain an understanding of the foundations of U.S. government
- **Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials**
  - Learn about the people behind the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights
- **National Museum of Natural History and Lunch**
  - Discover hands-on exhibits that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world
- **National Archives Study Visit**
  - Explore American history through our nation’s most significant documents:
    - Declaration of Independence
    - Constitution
    - Bill of Rights
- **Citizen Action Workshop**
  - What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?
- **National Portrait Gallery**
  - Learn about people who have shaped our society, from government to sports, art, and culture
- **Dinner & Social Activity**

**Tuesday**
- **Bill of Rights Workshop**
  - What rights have citizens gained in our nearly 250-year history?
- **Immigration Policy Seminar**
  - Go behind the scenes with a policy expert to discuss the issues driving the immigration debate
- **Capitol Hill Group Photo**
- **Lunch in L’Enfant Plaza**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial**
  - How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?
- **Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial**
  - Should government take an active role in providing for people’s basic needs?
- **U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**
  - Visit the larger-than-life representation honoring brave servicemen
- **Air Force Memorial**
  - Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city
- **Dinner in Pentagon City**
- **Mock Congress Workshop**
  - Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

**Wednesday**
- **Capitol Hill Day**
  - Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider’s look at how our government operates
- **Immigration Policy Seminar**
  - Meet with your members of Congress or their staff
- **Attend congressional committee hearings**
  - To see how laws are formed
- **Explore the Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**
  - Walk the halls of Congress where landmark cases are heard in committee hearings
  - Attend a congressional committee hearing to see how laws are formed
- **Lunch at Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders**
- **Visit the Supreme Court, where landmark cases are decided**
  - View the symbolic art and architecture at the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world
- **Witness the Senate and House of Representatives in action in the galleries**
- **White House Study Visit and Photo Op**
- **Dinner at Hotel**
- **Election Workshop**
  - Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for your program

**Thursday**
- **Community Action Workshop**
  - What actions can citizens take to make change?
- **Election Reflection Activity**
  - Discuss the results of the mock election and reflect on the motivations of real-world voters
- **College Admission Session**
  - Get answers to your questions about the opportunities of higher education
- **Lunch at National Museum of American History**
- **War Memorials Study Visit**
  - What do the WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?
  - Visit the veterans’ memorials, including the Air Force Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- **Lincoln Memorial**
  - How does imagery of this memorial portray Lincoln’s legacy?
- **Banquet and Dance**
  - Have a memorable, fun-filled evening with your new friends before returning home

**Friday**
- **Sightsee in Washington**
  - Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school
- **Depart for Home**

Sample schedule subject to change.

*Workshops are small learning communities made up of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up program instructor for the duration of the trip.*

**Study visits led by highly trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.**

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**Close Up gave me the opportunity to visit famous historical sites and I was able to discuss major political and social issues with my workshop and learn from different perspectives. I am very grateful for this opportunity! — Lesley, Student, Arizona**